

Exhibit No. 22Amendments to House Bill No. 820 Date 3-30-07Committee Study Copy Bill No. HB 820

Requested by Senator John Brueggeman

For the Senate Finance and Claims Committee

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**Following:** line 5**Insert:** "b. Regional Agricultural Centers Program (Restricted)  
486,153 486,154" [general fund FY08 and FY09]

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Explanation - This amendment adds \$972,307 general fund in the 2009 biennium to the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of establishing 7 regional agricultural centers and administered by the department with an additional 1.00 FTE. The regional centers would provide technical assistance to agricultural producers and other persons interested in developing value-added agricultural opportunities in Montana.